

**Jimmy Dean - Big Bad John**

**Misc Unsigned Bands**

Big Bad John: Jimmy (Ray) Dean.

#1 Hot 100..#1 Adult Contemp..#1 Country in 1961.

INTRO:

**F G F G**

Big John, Big John..

#1.

**G F**  
Every morning at the mine you could see him arrive,  
**G F**  
he stood six foot six and weighed two forty five.

#2.

**G F**  
Kinda broad at the shoulder and narrow at the hip,  
**G F G**  
and everybody knew you didn't give no lip, to Big John.

CHORUS:

**Em C D G**  
Big John, Big John.. Big bad John..  
**F G**  
Big John.

#3.

**G F**  
Nobody seemed to know where John called home,  
**G F**  
he just drifted into town and stayed all alone.

#4.

**G F**  
He didn't say much, kinda quiet and shy,  
**G F G**  
and if you spoke at all, you just said, hi, to Big John.

#5.

**G F**  
Somebody said he came from New Orleans,  
**G F**  
where he got in a fight over a Cajun Queen.  
**G F**  
And a crashing blow from a huge right hand,  
**G F G**  
sent a Louisiana fellow to the Promised Land, Big John.

CHORUS:

**Em C D G**  
Big John, Big Jo..hn..Big bad John..  
**F G**  
Big John.

#6.

**G F**  
Then came the day at the bottom of the mine,  
**G F**  
when a timber cracked and men started cryin .  
**G F**  
Miners were praying and hearts beat fast..  
**G F**  
And everybody thought that they d breathed their last,  
**G**  
cept John.

#7.

**G F**  
Through the dust and the smoke of this man-made hell,  
**G F**  
walked a giant of a man that the miners knew well.  
**G F**  
Grabbed a sagging timber and gave out with a groan,  
**G F G**  
And like a giant Oak tree he just stood there alone, Big John.

CHORUS:

**Em C D G**  
Big John, Big Jo..hn..Big bad John..  
**G G#**  
Big John.

#8.

**G# F#**  
And with all of his strength he gave a mighty shove,  
**G# F#**  
then a miner yelled out, There s a light up above!  
**G# F#**  
And twenty men scrambled from a would-be grave..  
**G# F# G#**  
Now, there s only one left, down there to save..Big John.

#9.

**G# F#**  
With jacks and timbers they started back down,  
**G# F#**  
then came that rumble way down in the ground.  
**G# F#**  
And then smoke and gas belched out of that mine..  
**G# F# G#**  
Everybody knew it was the end of the line, for Big John.

CHORUS:

**Fm C# D# G#**  
Big John, Big Jo..hn..Big bad John..  
**F# G#**  
Big John.

#10.

**G# F#**  
Now, they never reopened that worthless pit,  
**G# F#**  
They just placed a marble stand in front of it.  
**G# F#**  
These few words are written on that stand..  
**G# F# G#**  
At the bottom of this mine, lies a big, big man, Big John.

CHORUS:

**Fm C# D# G#**  
Big John, Big Jo..hn..Big bad John..  
**F# G#**  
Big John.

OUTRO:

**F# G# F# G#**  
Big John..Big Bad John..(Fade.)

A sixties smash from Kraziekhat.